5.	Santhal Pargana	+16
6.	Singhbhum	-44
7.	Palamu	-8
	D. WEST BENGAL	
1.	Darjeeling	+7 +9

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## Death of tigers and deer in Tripura

## 1416. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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## DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that some Royal Bengal Tigers and Cheetal deer have died in the Sipahi Jola Santuary in Tripura;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that in the recent days deaths of wild animals in various sanctuaries across the country were reported;
- $\left(c\right)$  if so, what were the reasons attributed to each case, as studied by Government, if any; and
  - (d) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent such deaths in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) As reported by the Chief Wild Life Warden, Tripura, there are no royal Bengal tigers and Cheetal deers in Sepahijala Sanctuary and therefore the question of their deaths does not arise.

(b) to (d) There is no unusual increase in death of wild animals in any of the sanctuary across the country.